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SUBJECT

Public Meeting organized by
Mr. Thiagadu Ramachandra Rao
to settle disputes among the
employees of the Spinning Mills, B'lore

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

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Dated Camp Mysore, 4th June 1925.

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C.S. 31-24-127

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit herewith for information a copy of confidential report No.84 dated 1-6-1925 together with a copy of its enclosures received from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, re the holding of a public meeting organized by one Mr. Thagadur Ramachandra Rao with the aid of the local Congress Committee to settle certain caste disputes among the employees of the Binny Mills, Bangalore.

2. The Assistant Superintendent of Police also states in his report that one Mr. Moulvi Abdul Hakh of Madras delivered a lecture on the evening of the 31st ultimo, the subject being "Origin of Islam" and that there was nothing objectionable in the lecture.

Yours sincerely,

B. Ramachandra Rao

B.Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Confidential report No.84.

To

The District Magistrate,
Bangalore.

I beg to state that a few days ago one of Kanneer coolies named Kasthoori gave a cup of water to a Tamilian cooly in the Binny Mill compound. A Hindu cooli named Channa rebuked the Tamilian saying that he was wrong in having drunk water from the hands of a Kanneer who was a Holeya. Hence the Hindu coolies of the Binny Mills are calling the Kanneer coolies as Holeyars. Thereupon there was a case launched by the Kanneers against the Hindu coolies of which Huchappa was the leader. While such being the state of affairs the Kanneer coolies of Binny Mills intimated to Mr. Ramachandra Rao who has established a Panchayat Court at Thagadur village, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore District who came down here and issued a notice under his name with the aid of the local Congress announcing a meeting at the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital maidan. The meeting was ordered to be watched by the "B" Division Inspector who has submitted a report as to the proceedings. A copy of the same is enclosed for kind perusal.

There was no political speach. The speaches were confined to bring about peace between Kanneers and Hindu coolies of the Mill. The notice in duplicate is enclosed for kind perusal.

Pandit Tharanath left this for Bellary on the night of the 27th ultimo.

Last night there was a lecture in the Doddanna Hall School buildings on the "Origin of Islam" by Mr. Moulvi Abdul Hakh of Madras. About 150 Mahommedans including students of the Muslim Association were present. There was nothing objectionable in it.

Sd. K. Mahamad Hussain.
1-6-1925. Asst.Supt.of Police, Bangalore City.

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In obedience to instructions I attended the meeting at Gandhi maidan opposite to Minto Ophthalmic Hospital yesterday evening.

It consisted mostly of coolies of Binny Cotton and Woollen Mills and it was got up at the instance of Thagadoor Ramachandra Rao, the ostensible object being to settle up some religious differences that had arisen among them.

Mr. Murugesham Pillay the weaving Master of Binny Mills was made the Chairman and there were some of the Chief Congress workers present, Messrs. H. V. Subrahmanyam, Ramaiya, Razvi, Bheema Rao and others.

Mr. Ramaiya introduced the lecturer Mr. Thagadoor Ramachandra Rao to the audience and said that this gentleman had settled down at Thagadoor village, Nanjangud Taluk, solely with the object of uplifting the cause of the ryots that he was the people's man and that he had established a Panchayat Court at Thagadoor.

Mr. Ramachandra Rao chiefly spoke on "Varnashrama Dharma" and said that unless we go back to old ways of living, observe the principles of Swadharma and uplift Panchamas there was no salvation for India. He told the audience that he had purposely settled down at that village with the object of uplifting the cause of the ryots that he had established a Panchayat Court there to settle the disputes of the ryots, that he had preserved a special form of paper worth 6 pies to make complaints to his Court and that people had been greatly benefited by this Court.

He also said that he had gone to several places to settle such disputes. Now coming to the point at issue he said that he had received letter from certain people who called themselves Kanners working as coolies in the Binny Mills at Bangalore stating that there was some dispute between them and several other caste people who called them as Holeyars and that in consequence of this dispute they had been assaulted and requesting him to come down to Bangalore and settle their disputes or else they stated that they would all become Christians. He said that in response to this call he came to Bangalore learnt what the matter was from these Kanneers, saw one Hutchappa who seemed to be the leader of the other party, went to the Police Station and made enquiries there also re the alleged assault etc. and that he was

satisfied that there was not much of any racial or religious disagreement among communities but only a complaint from these Kanneers that when one of their caste man named Kasthoori offered a cup of water to a certain Madras Tamilian to drink in the Mills some other man named Channa rebuked the Tamilian for having taken water from a Holeyar man, that ever since they (Kanneers) were being called Holeyars by Channa and his party who had one Hutchappa as their leader and that they had launched a case in the City Magistrate's Court also. Mr. Ramachandra Rao said that after all it is a very trivial matter and advised them to compromise and withdraw their case. He did not say who these Kanneers were to which community they belonged and what their status was in the social world.

Afterwards Messrs. R. Gopalasamy Iyer, Bheema Rao, S. M. Razvi, K. Shamanna (Advocate) Murugesham (Chairman) Hanumanthappa an ex-School Master living in Cottonpet all spoke about "Varnasrama", and the uplift of Panchamas. Then there was a challange from Mr. Shamanna to the audience that anybody was welcome to come out and prove that these Kanneers were Holeyars. Nobody did so. But there was a requestfrom one of the audience that it was not advisable to leave the matter as it was but to send for the other party and decide the matter once for all. Accordingly it was declared that the meeting was closed for the day and would be continued at the maidan near the Binny Mills this evening at 5.30.

The meeting began at 5.30 and closed at 7.15 P.M. and there was an audience of about 500 persons.

It was an harmless meeting and there was no talk of politics.

Sd. B.Keshavarao.
B.Dn. Inspector.

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Deputy Commissioner and Dist. Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

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Office of the District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

No. J. C. 700 Enclosure
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Dated Bangalore, 8th June 1925.

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C.S. 31-24-14

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit herewith for information a copy of confidential report No.85 dated 3rd June 1925 from the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, together with a copy of its enclosure stating that a meeting was held on the evening of the 1st instant under the pre-residency of Thagadur Ramachandra Rao to bring about a satisfactory settlement of certain caste dispute among the coolies of the Binny Mills, Bangalore City.

Yours sincerely,

B. Ramachandra Rao

11.6.25

To

B.Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Confidential report No.85.

To

The District Magistrate,
Bangalore.

In continuation of my confidential report No.84 dated 1st June 1925 I beg to state that there was another meeting under the presidency of Thagadoor Ramachandra Rao in the Tippu Sultan's Palace on the evening of the 1st instant when the Kanneer Coolies and the Tamilian coolies of the Binny Mills were present. B. Division Inspector had been directed to watch and report the result. His report is enclosed for kind perusal.

It is reported that the differences between these classes of people was amicably settled and no question in connection with the labour movement came in.

Sd. K. Mahamad Hussain.
Asst. Supt.of Police.

Copy of Encl.

Submitted.

In continuation of my yesterday's report re the religious differences among certain coolies of the Binny Mills, I beg to state that they all met again yesterday evening at the Tippu Sultan's Palace, Fort. Mr. Thagadoor Ramachandra Rao presided and Mr. Ramiah of the Congress Committee acted as clerk. It was more or less a communal office Panchayat. The meeting which commenced at about 5.30 P.M. went on till about 11.30 P.M. There was the other party also present under Hutchappa. Messrs. Shamanna, Advocate and Murugesham Pillay, Weaving Master of the Binny Millswere also there. Both parties were heard and their statements recorded. Finally the following resolutions were passed and agreed to by the parties:--

1. That Kanneers should withdraw the case they had put up in the City Magistrate's Court against Hutchappa's party.

2. That Kanneers being understood to belong to some sect of the Holeyar community they should not mix up with the high caste people

until their question was finally settled.

(3) That both parties should compromise with each other and more amicably.

The meeting ended very smoothly.

The case referred to was withdrawn today from the Court with the permission of the Magistrate.

Sd. S. Keshava Rao.
V.Division Inspector.

2-6-1925.

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District Magistrate, Bangalore Dist.